No, Sir. However, the matter regarding nomination of a common representative of teachers' associations on the General Body of the KVS is under consideration.

Promotion of Volunteer Social Organisation for Women

1970. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote the Non-Governmental Volunteer Social Organisations to dispose of complaints lodged by women against atrocities committed on them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARATI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mishandling of Artefacts at Salarjung Museum

1971. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40 artefacts have been destroyed at Salarjung Museum in January, 1999;

(b) if so, the reasons for mishandling the valuables;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(d) the steps proposed to preserve the artefacts properly?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) No. None of the artefacts have been destroyed but out of 40 objects, some were partly affected to the extent that they are repairable.

(b) There was no mishandling as it was a case of accident.

(c) As it was a case of an unforeseen accident, no responsibility could be fixed.

(d) All the partly affected objects have been duly repaired and necessary precautionary measures have been adopted. As desired by Salar Jung Museum Board, a Committee of Experts has been constituted to examine the repaired objects.

Stir Threat by DUTA

1972. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 19th February, 1999 captioned "Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) threatens another stir over pay scales," if their salary fixation process and payment of arrears were not completed by UGC/Ministry by the end of the ongoing financial year;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether any dialogue between DUTA and Government has been held so far, to avoid any kind of disruption of academic life again; and

(d) if so, the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already issued orders about the revision of pay scales of University and college teachers. It is for the respective Universities and colleges to fix the salaries of the teachers in the revised scales of pay and arrange for release of payment of arrears.

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